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The Met Office has linked up with its counterpart in Canada to encourage children from both countries to enjoy the weather.

As part of the annual *World Meteorological Day* celebrations the Met Office and Environment Canada are teaching youngsters how to take weather observations, which they are then sharing with each other via the web.

Both national met. services have been running educational programmes in their own countries but decided to disseminate the information during the week of *World Meteorological Day* to fit in with its theme of Weather, Water and Climate in the Information Age.

Each year on March 23, the World Meteorological Organization, the international body that unites all the meteorological services around the world, commemorates its formation in 1950 with *World Meteorological Day*. The theme this year was chosen to highlight the enormous developments in information technology in recent years, to meet the growing demands for information and services related to weather, climate and the environment.

The Met Office is also running a number of activities at its offices around the country, including the new headquarters in Exeter.

Pupils can access the Sky Watchers web site to enter daily weather reports for the week of March 22-26, 2004 and also take part in a variety of games and activities focusing on weather, climate and water.

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